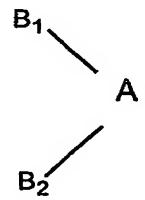
#### CLAIMS

### 1. A compound having the formula



#### wherein:

A is a 5-membered or 6-membered substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl or heterocyclyl ring having one or two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S, and N and having from 1 or 2 independent substituents when the ring is 5-membered and substituted with 1 to 4 independent substituents when the ring is 6-membered and substituted; and

each of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is the same or different substituted or unsubstituted 6-membered aryl or heteroaryl ring;

and salts thereof.

- 2. The compound of claim 1 wherein each of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is independently a phenyl or pyridyl group.
- 3. The compound of claim 1 wherein at least one of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is singly or independently multiply substituted and the substituents are selected from: a methyl group optionally, independently substituted with one or more halogen, an ethyl group optionally, independently substituted with one or more halogen, a halogen, -OH, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, optionally, independently substituted with one or more halogen, and -SCH<sub>3</sub> optionally, independently substituted with one or more halogen.

- 4. The compound of claim 3 wherein at least one of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is singly or independently multiply substituted and the substituents are selected from: a methyl group, an ethyl group, a halogen, -OCF<sub>3</sub>, -OCF<sub>2</sub>H, -SCF<sub>3</sub>, -OH, -OCH<sub>3</sub>, and -SCH<sub>3</sub>
- 5. The compound of claim 1 or 2 wherein A is selected from the group consisting of oxazolyl, isoxazolyl, thiazolyl, isothiazolyl, pyrazolidinyl, pyrazolyl, furanyl, and pyridinyl.
- 6. The compound of claim 1 wherein each of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is a singly or multiply substituted phenyl group.
- 7. The compound of any of claims 1, 2, 5 and 6 wherein each of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  is independently singly or multiply substituted and the substituents are selected from hydroxyl and halogen.
  - 8. The compound of claim 1 wherein one or both of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is:

# 9. The compound of claim 1 selected from the group consisting of:

$$B_1 \longrightarrow A_{12} \longrightarrow A_{13} \longrightarrow A_{14} \longrightarrow A_{15} \longrightarrow A_{1$$

wherein:

each  $X_{1}$ - $X_{12}$  is independently: H, halogen, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-12}$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyloxy, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyloxy, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkynyl)oxy, ( $C_{1-6}$  alkyl)oxy( $C_{1-6}$  alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{6-12}$  aryloxy, ( $C_{3-6}$  heteroaryl)-( $C_{1-6}$  alkyl)oxy, ( $C_{1-12}$  alkyl)thio, substituted or unsubstituted ( $C_{1-4}$  alkyl)-thio-( $C_{1-4}$  alkyl), substituted or

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unsubstituted  $C_6$ - $C_{10}$  aryl, substituted or unsubstituted styryl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{3-12}$  heteroaryl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{4-8}$  heterocyclic, wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkoxy, bivalent oxy( $C_{1-6}$ )alkyloxy, ( $C_{1-6}$ ) acylamino, ( $C_{1-6}$ ) acylthio, amino, and azido; or  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  form a  $C_5$ - $C_{10}$  heteroaryl ring, and each of  $R^4$ ,  $R^7$ , and  $R^8$  is, independently, hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, or  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkoxy.

- 10. The compound of claim 1 or claim 9 wherein one of B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> is substituted and the other is unsubstituted.
  - 11. The compound of claim 1 or claim 9 wherein both B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> are substituted.
  - 12. The compound of claim 1 or claim 9 wherein both B<sub>1</sub> and B<sub>2</sub> are unsubstituted.
- 13. The compound of claim 1 or claim 9 wherein one of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  is singly substituted and the other is unsubstituted.
- 14. The compound of claim 1 or claim 9 wherein one or both of  $B_1$  and  $B_2$  are independently substituted and the substituents are selected from :

wherein each Z is independently H or a  $C_{1-6}$  straight chain or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, or arylalkyl that is optionally singly or multiply substituted.

- 15. The compound of claim 14 wherein each Z is independently H or a  $C_{1-6}$  straight chain or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, or arylalkyl that is optionally singly or multiply substituted with a halogen.
- 16. The compound of claim 15 wherein Z is independently selected from: H and a substituted or unsubstituted C<sub>1</sub> alkyl, C<sub>2</sub> alkyl, C<sub>3</sub> alkyl or C<sub>4</sub> alkyl.

## 17. A compound having the formula:

wherein

A is a 5-membered or 6-membered substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl or heterocyclyl ring having one or two heteroatoms selected from the group consisting of O, S, and N and having from 1 or 2 independent substituents when the ring is 5-membered and substituted and 1 to 4 independent substituents when the ring is 6-membered and substituted; and one or both of  $B_{1}$  and  $B_{2}$  are selected from H, -OH,

$$z$$
 $z$ 
 $z$ 
; and

wherein each Z is independently H or a  $C_{1-6}$  straight chain or branched alkyl, alkenyl, alkynyl, aryl, cycloalkyl, or arylalkyl that is optionally singly or multiply substituted; and and salts thereof.

## 18. The compound of claim 17 wherein A is selected from:

wherein each  $X_1$ - $X_{12}$  is independently: H, halogen, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{1-12}$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyloxy, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyloxy, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkenyloxy, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{2-12}$  alkynyl)oxy,  $(C_{1-6}$  alkyl)oxy( $C_{1-6}$  alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{6-12}$  aryloxy,  $(C_{3-6}$  heteroaryl)- $(C_{1-6}$  alkyl)oxy,  $(C_{1-12}$  alkyl)thio, substituted or unsubstituted  $(C_{1-4}$  alkyl)-thio- $(C_{1-4}$  alkyl), substituted or unsubstituted or unsubstituted styryl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{3-12}$  heteroaryl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_{4-8}$  heterocyclic, wherein the substituents are selected from the group consisting of hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, bivalent oxy( $C_{1-6}$ ) alkyloxy,  $(C_{1-6})$  acylamino,  $(C_{1-6})$  acylthio,

amino, and azido; or  $R^5$  and  $R^6$  form a  $C_5$ - $C_{10}$  heteroaryl ring, and each of  $R^4$ ,  $R^7$ , and  $R^8$  is, independently, hydroxy, halo,  $C_{1-4}$  alkyl,  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkyl,  $C_{1-6}$  alkoxy, or  $C_{1-4}$  trihaloalkoxy.

19. The compound of claim 18 wherein A is selected from:

- 20. The compound of claim 19 wherein X<sub>2</sub> is selected from H, CH<sub>3</sub>, COOH, -CH<sub>2</sub>-COOH, -CH<sub>2</sub>-COOH and CF<sub>3</sub>; X<sub>10</sub> and X<sub>11</sub> are H or one or both of X<sub>10</sub> and X<sub>11</sub> are CH<sub>3</sub> or CF<sub>3</sub>; X<sub>9</sub> is missing; and X<sub>8</sub> is CH<sub>3</sub> or CF<sub>3</sub>.
- 21. The compound of claim 18 wherein each  $X_1-X_{12}$  is independently: H, halogen, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1-C_3$  alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted  $C_1-C_3$  alkoxy, or oxo.
  - 22. The compound of claim 17 selected from:

3-[5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-2-yl]propionic acid

3-[4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3-oxazol-2-yl]propionic acid

# [3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-phenylisoxazol-5-yl]acetic acid

# [4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylisoxazol-5-yl]acetic acid

# 3-[5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]propionic acid

3-[4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5-phenyl-1,3-thiazol-2-yl]propionic acid

[3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-phenylisothiazol-5-yl]acetic acid

[4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylisothiazol-5-yl]acetic acid

4-butyl-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-2-phenylpyrazolidine-3,5-dione

4-(5-methyl-3-phenylisoxazol-4-yl)phenol

4-(5-methyl-4-phenylisoxazol-3-yl)phenol

-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(4-chlorophenyl)- pyrazole

1-(4-chloroyphenyl)-3-(trifluoromethyl)-5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)- pyrazole

4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one

3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one

3-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-4-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one

4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-5,5-dimethyl-3-phenylfuran-2(5H)-one

4-(5-chloro-6'-methyl-3,3'-bipyridin-2-yl)phenol

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4-(5-chloro-6'-methyl-2,3'-bipyridin-3-yl)phenol

2-{[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-4-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-oxazol-2-yl]thio} propionic acid

$$CI$$
 $N$ 
 $S$ 
 $CO_2H$ 
 $O$ 
 $H_3C$ 

2-{[4-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1,3-oxazol-2-yl]thio}propionic acid

3-[5-(4-chlorophenyl)-1-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]propionic acid

3-[1-(4-chlorophenyl)-5-(4-hydroxyphenyl)-1H-pyrazol-3-yl]propionic acid.

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23. A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound of claim 1 or claim 17 and a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.

- 24. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 23 further comprising a second compound having anti-inflammatory activity and/or antinociceptive activity.
- 25. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 24 wherein the second compound is a COX-2 inhibitor.
- 26. The pharmaceutical composition of claim 25 wherein the COX-2 inhibitor is a selective COX-2 inhibitor.
- 27. A method for treating a disorder associated with unwanted COX-2 activity, the method comprising providing a patient with a therapeutically effective serum concentration of the compound of claim 1 or claim 17.
- 28. A method for treating a disorder associated with unwanted COX-2 activity, the method comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 23 or claim 24.
- 29. A method for inflammation, the method comprising providing a patient with a therapeutically effective serum concentration of the compound of claim 1 or claim 17.
- 30. A method for treating inflammation, the method comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 23 or claim 24.
- 31. A method for treating pain, the method comprising providing a patient with a therapeutically effective serum concentration of the compound of claim 1 or claim 17.
- 32. A method for treating pain, the method comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 23 or claim 24.

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- 33. A method of claim 31 wherein the pain is nociceptive pain.
- 34. A method of claim 32 wherein the pain is nociceptive pain.
- 35. A method of claim 31 wherein the pain is neuropathic pain.
- 36. A method of claim 32 wherein the pain is neuropathic pain.
- 37. A method for treating anxiety comprising administering the compound of claim 1 or claim 17.
- 38. The compound of claim 1 or claim 17 wherein the compound exhibits an IC $_{50}$  for FAAH that is less than 50  $\mu M$ .
- 39. The compound of claim 1 or claim 17 wherein the compound exhibits an IC  $_{50}$  for FAAH that is less than 10  $\mu M$ .
- 40. A method for treating anxiety comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 23 or claim 24.
- 41. A method for treating a sleep disorder comprising administering the compound of claim 1 or claim 17.
  - 42. The method of claim 41 wherein the sleep disorder is insomnia.
- 43. A method for treating a sleep disorder comprising administering the pharmaceutical composition of claim 23 or claim 24.
  - 44. The method of claim 43 wherein the sleep disorder is insomnia